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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ  
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER  
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM FRENCH SMITH  
The Attorney General

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY  
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Counter-Terrorism (U)

On July 28, 1983, the President issued a public statement condemning the terrorist attack in Lisbon. In his statement (Tab A), the President calls for more effective measures to eliminate the threat of terrorism. (U)

In order to implement the President's commitment, we should have a coherent strategy for diplomatic approaches on the issue--and simultaneously demonstrate the resolve of the USG to address the problem of terrorism. To this end, and in accord with the provisions of NSDD-30, we should urgently undertake the following actions:

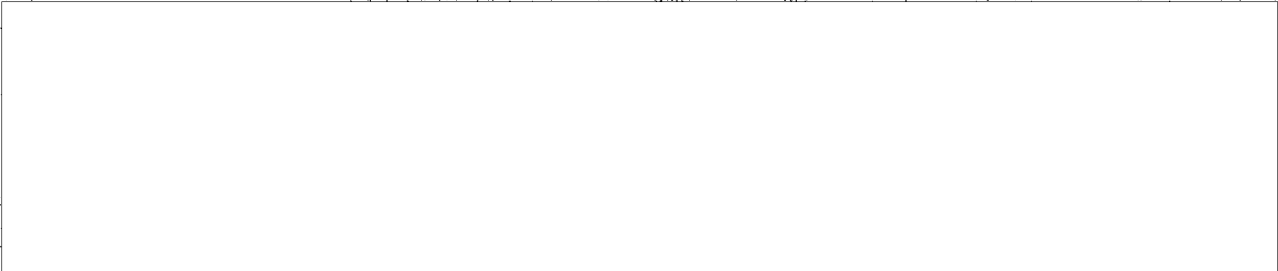
- o The Secretary of State, in concert with the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, and the Director of OMB, will develop a legislative strategy aimed at early enactment of the following legal instruments: (C)
  - Implementation of the provisions of the Montreal Convention on acts against civil aviation.
  - Implementation of the provisions of the International Convention on the Taking of Hostages.
  - Authorization and appropriations requisite to training foreign law enforcement counter-terrorism units as provided for in amendments to the Foreign Assistance Act.
  - Legal authority and resources to assist state and local jurisdictions in providing protection for foreign officials in the United States.
  - Authority for the payment of rewards for information on international terrorists.

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- The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Director of Central Intelligence, should develop a plan for diplomatic approaches for foreign governments regarding cooperative measures to counter terrorist threats and organizations. In accord with the President's statement, this plan should include appropriate overtures for use by the President to other heads of state. This action plan should be available by September 1, 1983. (S)
- The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence, should evaluate the potential for terrorist action aimed at disrupting the deployment of U.S. INF assets. If warranted, a conference of emergency action coordinators should be convened to review procedures and contingency plans. This determination should be forwarded September 7, 1983. (S)



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FOR THE PRESIDENT:

  
William P. Clark

cc: The Vice President  
David Stockman, Director, OMB  
GEN John W. Vessey, Chairman, JCS

## Attachments

- Tab A - Presidential Statement of July 28, 1983
- Tab B - Status of Legislation Affecting Terrorism

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